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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jiangchun Xu et al.
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 DIAGNOSIS OF PROSTATE CANCER

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 3, 2003, please extend the period of time for response 2 months, to expire on December 3, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Applicants hereby elect Group V, claims 9, 12, 13 and 17, drawn to methods of stimulating T cells, and the P703P polypeptide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 525, for examination at this time. Prior to substantive examination, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.